

**COUNCIL ACTION
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

DATE: 06/30/2010

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

SUBJECT: COPS Child Sexual Predator Program

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All

CONTACT/PHONE NUMBER: Brian Hojnacki/619-838-2593 MS 715

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approve and accept the COPS Child Sexual Predator Program Grant for \$403,434 via the US Dept of Justice.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Resolution

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND:

The San Diego Police Department is committed to working in a problem solving partnership as a participating agency in the San Diego County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Task Force. Over the past seven years, this partnership has become a well-established part of the San Diego County law enforcement community. Through this partnership, we have brought an effective combination of information sharing between law enforcement, investigative expertise, and technological resources to enhance our ability to monitor sex offenders. Public protection and prevention of future acts of sexual violence are at the core of our mission when monitoring registered sex offenders in the community.

According to the California Department of Justice, Megan's Law Database, approximately 40% of the 4000 sex offenders residing in San Diego County register addresses in the City of San Diego. The San Diego Police Department currently has one full-time detective assigned to the SAFE Task Force and responsible for the 1600 registered sex offenders in the City of San Diego. Through the funding from this grant, the Department will provide an additional full-time detective to the SAFE Task Force. A second full-time detective assigned to the SAFE Task Force would enhance the ability of the Department, and the SAFE Task Force, to address a greater number of community issues, and more effectively monitor and arrest when appropriate, the 4000 sex offenders residing in San Diego County.

The proposed project anticipates the funding for one detective's salary to be assigned full-time to the SAFE Task Force. Additionally, the proposed project anticipates funding the vehicle maintenance and gas of two department vehicles assigned to the detectives at the SAFE Task Force. Also, two desktop computers will be purchased and the installation of adequate network software will be installed at the SAFE Task Force headquarters at the Department of Justice.

The proposed project anticipates the funding to purchase covert Global Positioning System (GPS) vehicle trackers, and laptop computers with wireless-internet to effectively track and monitor the targeted vehicles in the field. Additionally, the laptops will allow detectives to track and monitor sex offenders who are required to wear GPS anklet devices as a condition of their

Program.

2. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to establish a special interest-bearing fund for the grants, if required.
3. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to accept up to \$403,434 or the actual amount of funding authorized by the US Department of Justice if the grant funding is secured.
4. Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate and expend up to \$403,434 or the actual amount of funding authorized by the US Department of Justice, for the purpose of implementing the COPS Child Sexual Predator Program if the funding is secured.
5. Authorize the Chief of Police to administer and operate this program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS (REFER TO A.R. 3.20 FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THIS SECTION)

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):	All
COMMUNITY AREA(S):	County of San Diego and all cities within
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:	This activity is not a "project" and therefore is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the state guidelines section 15060 (c) (3).
CITY CLERK INSTRUCTIONS:	none

SECTION 7: NEED FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

A. Waivers of the Local Match

Section Not Applicable to 2010 COPS Application Attachment

B. Explanation of Need for Federal Assistance

All applicants are required to address the need for federal assistance. In the space below, please provide a brief explanation of your agency's inability to address your public safety needs and implement this project without federal assistance.

[Please limit your response to a maximum of 3,000 characters.]

The San Diego Police Department's budget has been constrained due to the economic downturn being felt throughout the country. The Department had to reduce the number of non-sworn employees to meet the budget goals set by the city of San Diego's administrators. Several of the non-sworn positions that were impacted included staff support positions in the Department's Sex Registration Unit. This reduction in staff necessitated the need for transferring sworn police officers into these positions to ensure the mandated registration components of existing laws were met within the established timeframes. Additionally, detectives in the Sex registration Unit will conduct registrations when the sworn officers are unavailable due to court, illness or mandated training. This additional workload for both sworn personnel and detectives has limited the Department's ability to conduct compliance audits on sex registrants.

Compliance audits are the optimal way to ensure the offenders are in true and accurate compliance with their registration requirements. An additional detective, who will be assigned to the SAFE Task Force, will greatly enhance the Department's ability to audit sex registrants in a timely manner. This audit process is crucial when the Department becomes aware of "at risk behaviors" of the sex registrant. The audit is used to monitor the registrant's activities, in both undercover and surveillance operations, to reduce the likelihood the sex registrant from re-offending.

These operations are very time consuming, labor intensive and cannot be undertaken by uniformed officers or non-sworn personnel. The addition of a second full-time detective to the SAFE Task Force would greatly enhance the Department's ability to monitor an "at risk" offender. The goal of the audits and monitoring of sex registrants is to reduce the likelihood of another child being victimized by a sexual predator. Federal assistance will increase the overall ability of the Department to audit and monitor sex registrants who may re-offend and this will provide for a safer community for the children and families of San Diego.

SECTION 10: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Please provide a brief summary of how your agency will use this federal funding. Refer to the COPS Application Guide for clarification on specific information to include in your summary, and be sure to provide a description of how you expect this grant to impact public safety and/or crime prevention in your community. The Executive Summary may be used to keep Congress or other executive branch agencies informed on law enforcement strategies to deter crime in your community.

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The proposed project anticipates an overtime budget to conduct compliance audit sweeps and insure compliance of offenders at night and on the weekends. This is when there is the highest probability of contacting residents. Furthermore, an overtime budget for members of the Department Sex Offender Unit to attend community meetings at night and on the weekends, when community groups most commonly gather, and training classes for local law enforcement.